

CONCERNING CERTAIN RIGHTS OF CANAL ZONE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT

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Mr. BARDEN, from the Committee on Education and Labor, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1271]

The Committee on Education and Labor, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1271), to permit employees of the Canal Zone government and the Panama Canal Company to appeal decisions under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act to the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill permits employees of the Canal Zone government and the Panama Canal Company to appeal decisions under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act to the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board. It gives to the aforesaid employees the same right of appeal as was given to other Federal employees when the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board was created in 1946 (Reorganization Plan No. 2, 60 Stat. 1095).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 2a of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as passed the Senate, are shown as follows (new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 42 OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT (5 U. S. C., SEC. 793)

SEC. 42. That the President may, from time to time, transfer the administration of this Act so far as employees of the Panama Canal and of the Panama Railroad Company are concerned to the Governor of the Panama Canal, and so far as employees of the Alaska Railroad are concerned to the general manager of the Alaska Railroad, in which cases the words "Commission" and "its" wherever

they appear in this Act shall, so far as necessary to give effect to such transfer, be read, "Governor of the Panama Canal" or "the general manager of the Alaska Railroad", as the case may be, and "his"; and the expenses of medical examinations under sections 21 and 22, and the reasonable traveling and other expenses and loss of wages payable to employees under section 21, shall be paid out of appropriations for the Panama Canal or for the Alaska Railroad or out of funds of the Panama Railroad, as the case may be, instead of out of appropriations for the work of the Commission. *Employees of the Canal Zone Government and of the Panama Canal Company shall, notwithstanding any such transfer, have the right to appeal to the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board from any decision of the Governor of the Canal Zone rendered either before or after the creation of such Board, and such Board shall upon such appeal, and may at any time, on its own motion, review any decision of the Governor of the Canal Zone and in accordance with the facts found on such review, may proceed as in other cases in which it has jurisdiction.*

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